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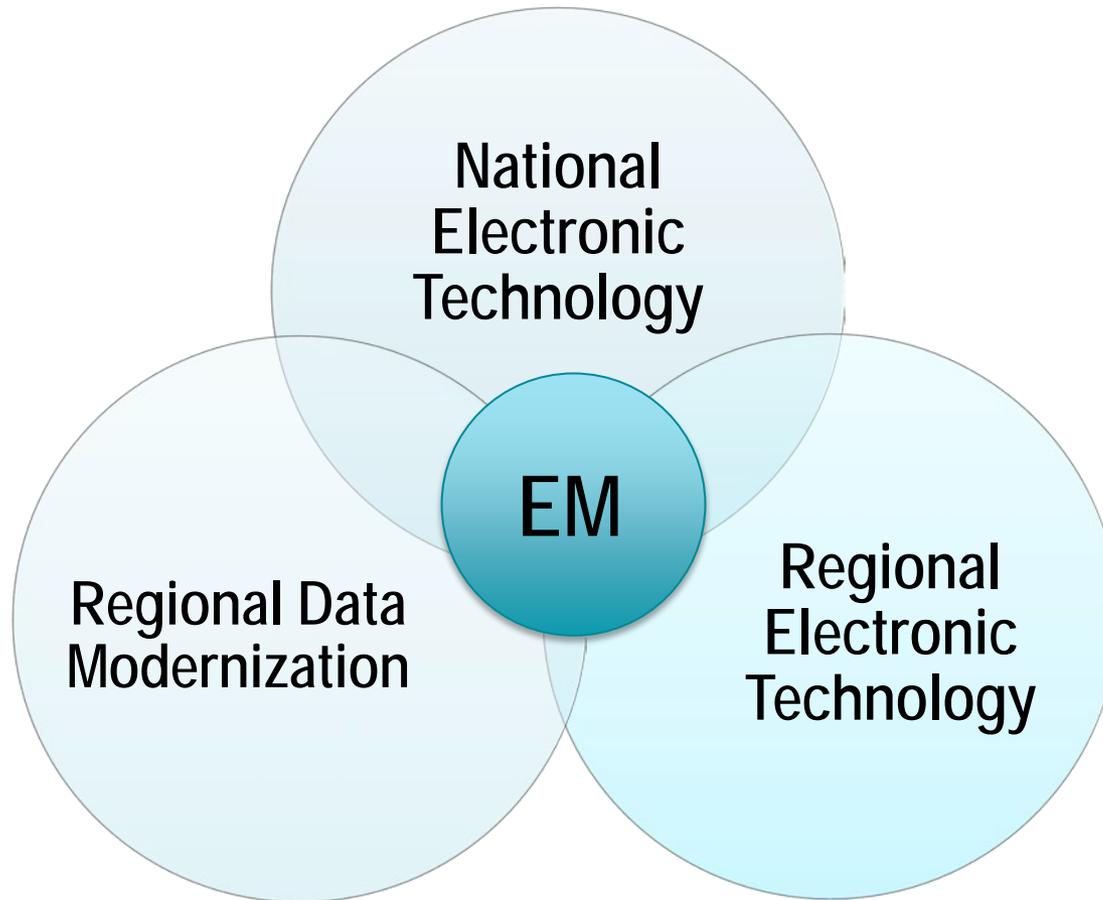
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# Electronic Technology in the Northeast

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# Overview



# What is “electronic technology”?

Any electronic tool used to support catch monitoring efforts both on shore and at sea, including electronic reporting (e.g., e-logbooks, tablets, apps) and electronic monitoring (VMS, video cameras, and sensors).

# NMFS National Initiatives

## NMFS Electronic Technology Policy 30-133

- Consider ET
- Use open-source code or standards
- Programs need to identify funding sources
- Develop a Regional Implementation Plan

## ET Resources

- Guidance and Best Practices for EM/ER
- EM/ER white papers

Coordination of priorities and funding

# Fishery Dependent Data Visioning Project

Joint project between GARFO, NEFSC, GMRI

## Phase I

- Evaluate fishery-dependent data needs throughout region from all constituents
- Workshop Jun 30-Jul 1, New Bedford

## Phase II

- Map current systems to identify shortfalls and redundancies
- Identify tools to meet needs

# Fishery Dependent Data Collections Working Group

Joint team between GARFO and NEFSC, external members as needed

- Objective to improve efficiency, consistency, data quality and timeliness
- Day-to-day maintenance, standards, incremental improvements to existing systems
- Informs our position on new initiatives, like EM

# Electronic Vessel Trip Reports (eVTR)

Administered by GARFO for reporting

- All GAR vessels may use eVTR to meet VTR requirements
- Technical requirements
- 2 onboard systems approved:
  - FLDRS by NEFSC
  - FACTS by Electric Edge Systems Group

NEFSC expanding FLDRS to Mid-Atlantic fisheries

# NEFSC Electronic Monitoring Pilot

Led by NEFSC, Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.

- 3 Phases

1. Built capacity, initial comparison with ASM (2010)
2. Explored methods to estimate weight, ID species (2011, 2012)
3. Tested 2 approaches, developed protocols (2013)
  - a) EM monitors for compliance with maximized retention
  - b) EM audits vessel-reported discards

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